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My name is Francine Brown, and I am a resident of North Louisiana. I am from Shreveport, Louisiana which is the third largest city in the state of Louisiana. I'm a graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge with community ties from my hometown to Baton Rouge. I have witnessed the political, economic and social inequities that exist in Shreveport. I'm the founder of Seniors First, a nonprofit organization designed to re-integrate seniors back into the community through mentorship as liaisons to reduce risk factors associated with-age and-death related illnesses in senior citizens. Senior citizens suffer from a lack of community support and SB-1 adds insult to injury that further takes the power away from community. Not to mention the impact of an inequitable representation disproportionately among people of color. These specific re-districting maps will continue to create overwhelming negative impacts in the black community, in addition to the existing catastrophic crime rate particularly in Shreveport, Louisiana. Please reconsider the fallout that will come as a result of this re-districting plan. It will only create costly litigation at the expense of taxpayers and advance unnecessary hardships to the hard working citizens of Louisiana with more systematic means. Thanks for the opportunity to address this matter of urgency. Please implement a politically healthy outcome for the future of Louisiana to uphold Section 2 of the Voters Rights Act of 1965 of the United States Constitution.